

**VA GRANT PROGRAMS COVERED UNDER THIS DIRECTIVE**

1. The following programs are covered by VA Directive 0071.

- a. State Home Construction Program
- b. State Home Per Diem Program
- c. VA Homeless Providers Grant Program
- d. VA Homeless Providers Per Diem Program
- e. State Cemetery Grants Program

f. The State Approving Agencies Program: These agencies are state entities which receive VA funds to approve and supervise the courses offered by educational institutions, as well as the training provided by apprenticeship and on-the-job training establishments.

2. Officials from state agencies, local governments, educational institutions or non-profit organizations receive VA Grants.

a. Coordinate with the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to ensure that current and future policy and regulations addressing VA financial management issues pertaining to their respective programs are consistent with the financial policy/operational requirements applicable to Federal agencies in OMB Circulars A-102 and A-110 and provide current copies of policies and regulations to the Office of Policy and Planning within 60 days of publication of this directive. Any revisions to current regulations will be provided to the Office of Policy and Planning within 60 days of their publication.

b. Identify Federal awards made by informing each grant recipient of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) title and number, award name and number, award year, and whether or not the award is for Research and Development. If some of this information is not available, the program office shall provide information necessary to describe the grant clearly.

c. Advise recipients of requirements imposed on them by Federal laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements.

- d. Ensure the audits are completed and reports are received in a timely manner and in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133.
- e. Provide technical advice and counsel to auditees and auditors as requested.

f. Issue a management decision on audit findings within six months after receipt of the audit report and ensure that the recipient takes appropriate and timely corrective action.



**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE**

1. The VA Office of Inspector General, Office of Audit, Director, Planning and Operational Support, will:

- a. Work with all officials identified in paragraph 2 of Appendix A.
- b. Report progress on corrective action and plans by grantees within their program.
- c. Request updates to OMB's A-133 compliance supplement through the Office of Policy and Planning; and
- d. Coordinate activities with auditees and auditors where the VA program office grant results in the Department's recognition as the cognizant agency for the audit.

2. The Director, Planning and Operational Support, is the designated action office for audit where VA has cognizant authority. The cognizant agency is responsible for the following:

- a. Provide technical advice to and liaison with auditees and auditors.
- b. Consider auditee requests for extensions to the report submission due date (and approve extensions when appropriate).
- c. Obtain or conduct quality control reviews of selected audits and provide the results, consistent with Federal information disclosure law, to other interested organizations.
- d. Promptly inform other affected Federal agencies and appropriate Federal law enforcement officials of any direct reporting by the auditee or its auditors of irregularities or illegal acts, as required by GAGAS, or laws and regulations.
- e. Advise the auditor and auditee, where appropriate, of deficiencies found by the audits, monitor corrective action taken and make recommendations for follow-up action if necessary.
- f. Coordinate, where practical, with other audits or reviews of the auditee made by or for Federal agencies so that these audits build upon one another.
- g. Coordinate a management decision for audit findings that affect the Federal programs of more than one agency.

h. Coordinate the audit work and reporting responsibilities among auditors to achieve the most cost-effective audit.

i. Consider auditee requests to qualify as a low risk auditee.

3. The Office of Audit, Director, Planning and Operational Support, will act as liaison between the program offices and the Federal Audit Clearinghouse, Bureau of the Census. Audit reports with findings from the Clearinghouse will be reviewed, and if the issues or findings relate to VA operations, the report will be forwarded to the program office that has the responsibility for administering the program. The Office of Audit, Director, Planning and Operational Support, will obtain and forward information about the findings as needed to the appropriate parties, including the Clearinghouse.